

### **Capsule Summary of 26 West Street (AA-699)**

Located on the site of an early to mid-18th century building, the present building at 26 West Street was rebuilt entirely or in part in the period 1765-1770 and has been altered several times since then. It is closely connected, both historically and architecturally, with the building next door at 30 West Street and has served both residential and commercial purposes throughout its history. As West Street emerged as an important commercial corridor during the 19th and 20th centuries, the one-time dwelling at 26 West Street abandoned its residential use and was converted to serve a variety of commercial concerns. Currently vacant, the building is being renovated to become the Annapolis and Anne Arundel County Conference and Visitor's Center. Although it has been significantly altered over the years, the building survives as an important 18th-century contributor to the built environment of Annapolis. In addition to its historic and architectural significance, the site is likely to yield archaeological evidence important to the understanding of the city's colonial history.

The building, located on the north side of West Street between Church Circle and Calvert Street, is constructed to the edge of the lot line and fronts the commercial West Street corridor. While the east end elevation opens onto an alley leading to the rear of the building and parking lot, the west end elevation of the building is, today, attached to the building next door at 28-30 West Street. It appears, however, that these two buildings were originally separate structures that were attached and joined together during the mid-19th century by a brick firewall.

The one-time dwelling at 26 West Street is a large, 2-1/2-story mixed English and header bond<sup>1</sup> brick building set upon a raised brick foundation that has been parged and scored to look like stone. A

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single-story, modern brick addition extends across the rear elevation. The building is six bays wide, is covered with a gable roof with two single dormer windows and has a boxed wood cornice. A wide, English and header bond, semi-exterior brick chimney is located on the east end elevation, while an interior chimney is found towards the west end wall. Originally five bays in width, the building was elongated to six bays when it was joined to its neighbor.

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Inventory No. AA-699

1. Name of Property

historic name \_\_\_\_\_

other names Polan-Brewer Store; Capital City FSL Assn.

2. Location (26-28 West Street)

street & number 26 West Street not for publication \_\_\_\_\_

city or town Annapolis vicinity \_\_\_\_\_

state Maryland code \_\_\_\_\_ county \_\_\_\_\_ code \_\_\_\_\_

zip code \_\_\_\_\_

3. State/Federal Agency Certification N/A

4. National Park Service Certification N/A

5. Classification

Ownership of Property (Check all that apply)

☒ private  
☐ public-local  
☐ public-State  
☐ public-Federal

Category of Property (Check only one box)

☒ building(s)  
☐ district  
☐ site  
☐ structure  
☐ object

Number of Resources within Property

Contributing Noncontributing

<u>1</u>	_____	buildings
_____	_____	sites
_____	_____	structures
_____	_____	objects
<u>1</u>	_____	Total

Is this property listed in the National Register?

Yes ☒ Name of Listing Annapolis Historic District

No \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Function or Use

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Historic Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Domestic Sub: Single dwelling  
Commercial Store/Offices

Current Functions (Enter categories from instructions)

Cat: Vacant/Not in Use

Sub: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. Description

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Architectural Classification (Enter categories from instructions)

Georgian

Materials (Enter categories from instructions)

foundation Brick

roof Standing Seam Metal

walls Brick

other \_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Description (Describe the historic and current condition  
of the property.) See Continuation Sheet No. 7-1

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8. Statement of Significance

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Applicable National Register Criteria (Mark "x" in one or more boxes for the criteria qualifying the property for National Register listing)

- ☒ A Property is associated with events that have made a significant contribution to the broad patterns of our history.
- ☐ B Property is associated with the lives of persons significant in our past.
- ☒ C Property embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction or represents the work of a master, or possesses high artistic values, or represents a significant and distinguishable entity whose components lack individual distinction.
- ☐ D Property has yielded, or is likely to yield information important in prehistory or history.

Criteria Considerations (Mark "X" in all the boxes that apply.)

- ☐ A owned by a religious institution or used for religious purposes.
- ☐ B removed from its original location.
- ☐ C a birthplace or a grave.
- ☐ D a cemetery.
- ☐ E a reconstructed building, object, or structure.
- ☐ F a commemorative property.
- ☐ G less than 50 years of age or achieved significance within the past 50 years.

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Areas of Significance (Enter categories from instructions)

Architecture

Archeology  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Period of Significance 1765-1770  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Dates 1765-1770  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Significant Person (Complete if Criterion B is marked above)  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Architect/Builder unknown  
\_\_\_\_\_

Narrative Statement of Significance (Explain the significance of the property.) See Continuation Sheet No. 8-1

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street & number \_\_\_\_\_ telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
city or town \_\_\_\_\_ state \_\_\_\_\_ zip code \_\_\_\_\_



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Although possibly incorporating parts of an earlier 18th century building on the site, 26 West Street was primarily constructed during the period 1765-1770 and has been significantly altered since then. The building, located on the north side of West Street between Church Circle and Calvert Street, is constructed to the edge of the lot line and fronts the commercial West Street corridor. While the east end elevation opens onto an alley leading to the rear of the building and parking lot, the west end elevation of the building is, today, attached to the building next door at 28-30 West Street. It appears, however, that these two buildings were originally separate structures that were attached and joined together during the mid-19th century by a brick firewall. These two buildings are similar in size, scale and detail, and appear to have been erected as a pair.

The one-time dwelling at 26 West Street is a large, 2-1/2-story mixed English and header bond<sup>1</sup> brick building set upon a raised brick foundation that has been parged and scored to look like stone. A single-story, modern brick addition extends across the rear elevation. The building is six bays wide, is covered with a gable roof with two single dormer windows and has a boxed wood cornice. A wide, English and header bond, semi-exterior brick chimney is located on the east end elevation, while an interior chimney is found towards the west end wall. Originally five bays in width, the building was elongated to six bays when it was joined to its neighbor.<sup>2</sup>

Although the exterior walls remain, the building has been heavily altered on both the exterior and interior, however it still retains the central passage, double-pile plan. Architectural details, including doors, windows and trim are all replacements.

The front elevation faces West Street and consists, on the first floor, of a central, double entry door flanked by two, single 6/6 windows. A single-bay addition is located at the western end of

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<sup>1</sup> The brick is heavily painted and the bonding pattern is not clearly visible. It appears, however, that the walls were laid in a random English and header bond, as was the east end chimney.

<sup>2</sup> The extension of the building caused the west end chimney to become an interior chimney. The visible shaft of this chimney is laid, however, in stretcher bond as opposed to the English bond of the east end chimney.

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the building and is pierced by an arched door on the first floor and a 6/6 window above. Visually separated from the first floor by a three-brick-wide beltcourse, the second floor has six 6/6 window openings. Above the second floor and projecting from the standing seam metal roof are two narrow dormers with 6/6 windows. The beltcourse, separating the two floors, extends across the front elevation only, ending approximately 10 inches from the east end wall. The west end of the beltcourse, which continues across the single-bay addition, is interrupted before the end of the building on its west end. The disturbed brick at this point indicates that this beltcourse at one time extended to the attached building next to it, but was dismantled when it was altered to accommodate a modern storefront.

The central entrance features double, wood panelled doors set within a molded architrave and surmounted by a 5-light transom. This door, of recent Colonial Revival manufacture, is set off-center from the windows flanking it and probably replaced a single entry door that would have been centrally aligned. The single entry at the west end of the building is recessed into an arched opening with a molded wood surround and features a wood panelled door surmounted by a fanlight window, both of 20th century design. This far western bay of the front elevation was added to the building; it connected 26 West Street with its neighbor at 30 West Street. All of the windows on both the first and second floors are modern replacements set within the brick walls without decorative architectural trim, save for modern shutters. Like the central entry, the dormer windows are somewhat askew. While they are evenly aligned along the long gable roof which extends across the original five-bay structure as well as the single-bay addition, they are not symmetrical with the fenestration on the front elevation.

The east end elevation is laid in English bond and is two-bays deep. The semi-exterior end chimney with English bond walls is centrally placed with single 6/6 windows flanking it on the first floor, and small 4-light casements on either side at the attic level. No window openings are located on the second floor.

Although at one time visible, the west end wall of 26 West Street is now attached to the building's neighbor at 28-30 West Street. The west end wall was probably two bays deep, like its eastern counterpart, and also featured a wide, brick chimney that appears

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to have abutted the brick chimney of the building next door.

A modern, single-story brick addition abuts the north rear elevation of the original building. This addition is fenestrated with long, fixed, plateglass windows with rectangular and arched openings. A parking garage structure, accessible from Northwest Street lies to the rear of the addition. The rear addition most recently served as a bank.

The interior of the building has been significantly altered, however, it still retains the central-passage, double-pile plan. All of the floorboards, mantels, trim and other details are 20th century replacements. The central entry door opens into a center stair hall with two rooms opening to either side. The hallway is laid with modern wood floors and features a modern straight flight stair against the west wall. Both the east and west front rooms feature corner fireplaces with modern mantels, modern chair rail and modern wood floors. A door at the back wall of the east front room leads into the east rear room, as does a door off the hall across from the stair. Here, the corner fireplace has been enclosed behind modern drywall and is not accessible. The rear west room was locked and not accessible as part of this survey. The end of the hall leads directly into the ca. 1965 addition. From the interior of this addition, the original exterior English bond brick wall of the building is visible. The original arched windows of the first floor of this wall are intact, but the openings themselves have been boarded up.

The enclosed passage addition between 26 West Street and 30 West Street is accessible from the exterior of the building and the second floor level. This passage is approximately 5 feet 7 inches wide and features a modern stair that extends from one wall to the other and leads to the second floor level. The walls of this passage are the original exterior walls of 26 and 30 West Street that have been stuccoed.

The second floor of the building similarly features a central corridor with four rooms. Like the first floor rooms, the upstairs rooms offer no original materials or details. Corner fireplaces which once existed in the four rooms have been walled over and no mantels survive. A bathroom and closet opens off the second floor front room over the enclosed passage between 26 and 30 West Street. A door against the west wall of the rear room opens onto this

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passageway, which serves as a stair well leading from the ground level to the second floor.

Reached by a stair off of the central hall on the second floor, is the attic level. The attic is one large open space whose ceiling is covered with drywall and whose walls are plastered. While the east end chimney is visible from the interior at this level, the west end chimney is enclosed behind a wall (modern). Access to the building structure at this level was limited and provided little insight into the construction techniques.

The basement of the building is a full-story tall and is a tangle of modern pipes and other modern equipment. The ceiling is covered with insulation and the brick walls are stuccoed. The existence of a dismantled brick wall built with hand-molded brick that is perpendicular to the front wall of the building indicates that some structural changes to the building occurred during the 19th century. No other architectural evidence helps to elucidate the wall's meaning.

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The lot on which the building currently stands was surveyed by James Stoddert in 1718 for owner Charles Carroll and designated Lot 70. Lot 70 measured 160 feet in width and 385 feet in length. It fronted on Cowden Lane (later West Street) and extended back to Northwest Street. Following Carroll's death in 1734, his widow, Mary and his son Charles, leased the lot to Philip Syng, a silversmith. According to the lease which required Syng to "repair the house on the lot and keep it in good repair," a building stood on Lot 70 as early as 1734. The Syng family continued to conduct their business there until 1759. Syng silver is today considered extremely valuable and is praised by collectors for its craftsmanship and design.<sup>4</sup>

In 1760, the Carroll family sold Lot 70 to Allen Quynn, owner of a tanyard and a bootmaking business, member of the Common Council and later Mayor of Annapolis. Upon his purchase of the land, Quynn immediately divided Lot 70 and sold the western half of the lot to John Inch, a silversmith. Five years later, in 1765, Quynn sold a 36-foot frontage of his eastern half of the lot to Alexander Ferguson of Londontown. The deed states that there should be a

<sup>3</sup> "City asked for \$50,000 for Center." The Capital. January 29, 1993.

<sup>4</sup> Walter B. Norris, Unpublished report on 26-30 West Street, Vertical files of Historic Annapolis Foundation.

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five-foot passageway between Quynn's house and Ferguson's to provide mutual access to a well in the rear yard. That same year, Quynn leased the house where he lived to William Knapp, watchmaker.

Between 1765 and 1770, Ferguson built a new house on his part of the lot. Upon his death in 1770, the property was advertised as "containing a new brick house, 38 feet in front, two stories high, with four rooms on the first floor."<sup>5</sup> This description is for the existing building at 30 West Street. Although there is no record of Allen Quynn erecting a new house on his adjacent site now occupied by 26 West Street, the two buildings are similar in size, scale and detail typical of the 1760-1780 period, and were undoubtedly built in the same period. Based upon this archival information and the use of header bond in the walls of the building, it is highly likely that Quynn either demolished his existing house and built a new dwelling on the site, or entirely rebuilt the ca. 1734 house in the period 1765-1770.

In 1779, Allen Quynn sold his house (26 West Street) to Abraham Claude, the father of Quynn's wife, Elizabeth. The building remained in the Claude family until 1811. The Ferguson property at 30 West Street had been sold previously to Dr. Reverdy Gheslin. At the death of Dr. Gheslin, his wife rented part of the house, and had as tenants in 1784, Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe who were in Annapolis as delegates from Virginia to the Continental Congress.

The 1798 Federal Direct Tax indicates that Abraham Claude owned a two-story brick dwelling house measuring 34 feet by 25 feet and a frame smoke house measuring 10 feet by 10 feet at 26 West Street. Abraham Claude was assessed \$800 for the 1/4-acre lot and the improvements on it. The building has an approximately 33-foot frontage on West Street today and a depth of approximately 25 feet, indicating that this is the same building that was assessed in 1798.<sup>6</sup>

During the period from 1811 to 1814, 26 and 30 West Street were both purchased by Colonel James Boyle, aid-de-camp to General

<sup>5</sup> Walter B. Norris, unpublished report on 26 to 30 West Street, p.2.

<sup>6</sup> The 33-foot frontage includes the enclosed passageway.

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Williams in the War of 1812, and later mayor of Annapolis. During the mid-19th century, and possibly during Boyle's ownership, the two buildings were joined together. Between 1897 and 1903 the dormer windows were added and the enclosed passageway was incorporated into 26 West Street.<sup>7</sup>

During the 19th century and first part of the 20th century, 26 West Street served as a dwelling. By 1930, this part of West Street was primarily commercial and the building had been completely gutted and converted into an automobile garage. A one-story garage building having a capacity of 22 cars was built against the back wall of the original 18th century dwelling. This garage was appended to an already existing garage building, built ca. 1920, located at the rear of the lot.

In 1965, Capital City Federal Savings and Loan Association purchased the building, "renovated" it and removed the ca. 1930 addition and built a new rear wing. The building currently stands vacant waiting to be converted into a visitor's center.

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<sup>7</sup> This information is based upon the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps. In 1897 the two buildings are shown as two-story structures; in 1903 they are shown as 2-1/2-story structures.

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**Historic Period Theme(s):** Architecture, Landscape Architecture  
& Community Planning  
Economic (Commercial and Industrial)

**Geographic Organization:** Western Shore

**Chronological/Development Period:** Contact and Settlement Period,  
1570-1750  
Rural Agrarian Intensification,  
1680-1815

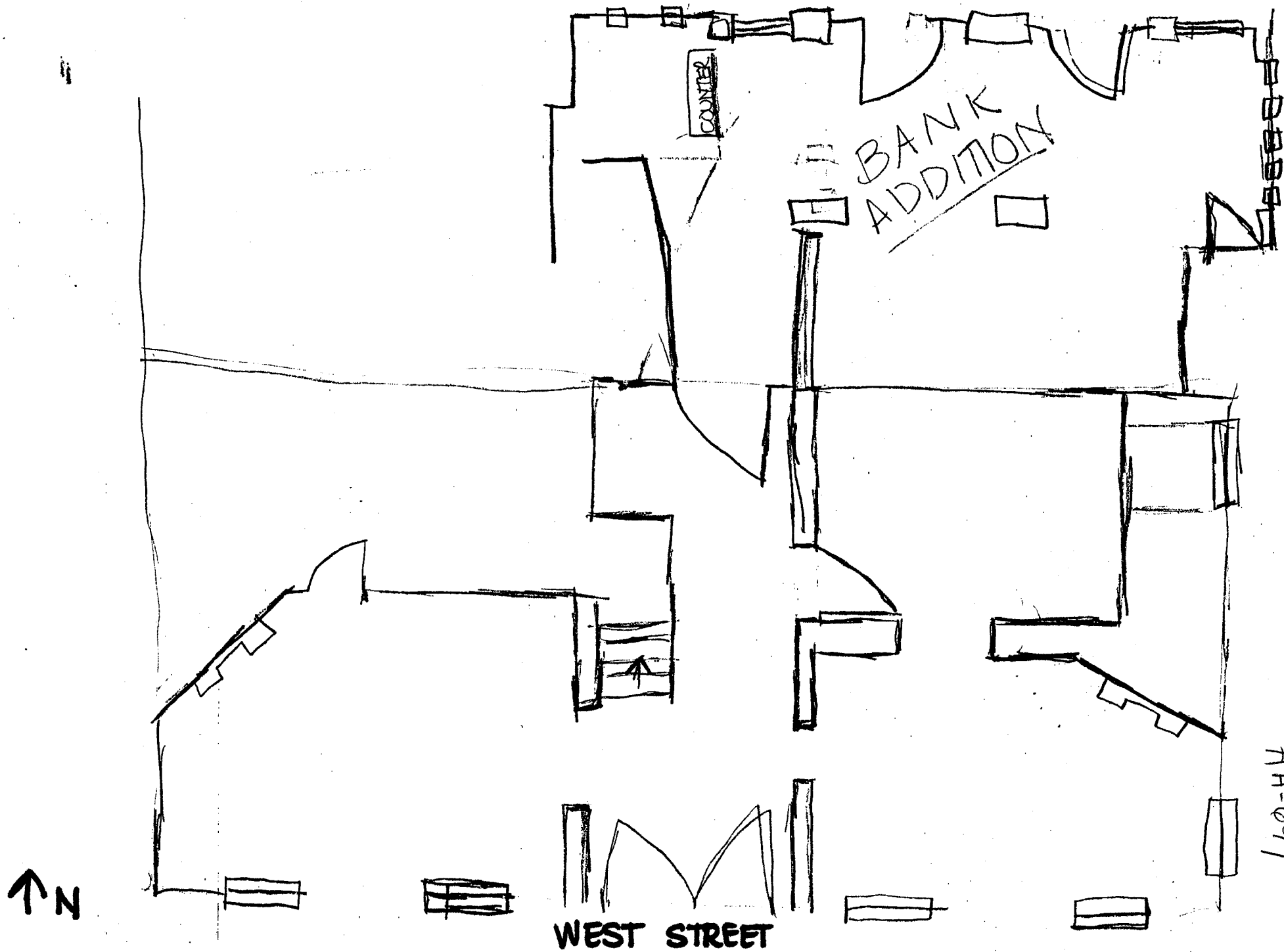
**Resource Type:** Archeological Site  
Standing Structure



FLOOR PJ

Address: 21 WEST STREET

Floor: 1ST

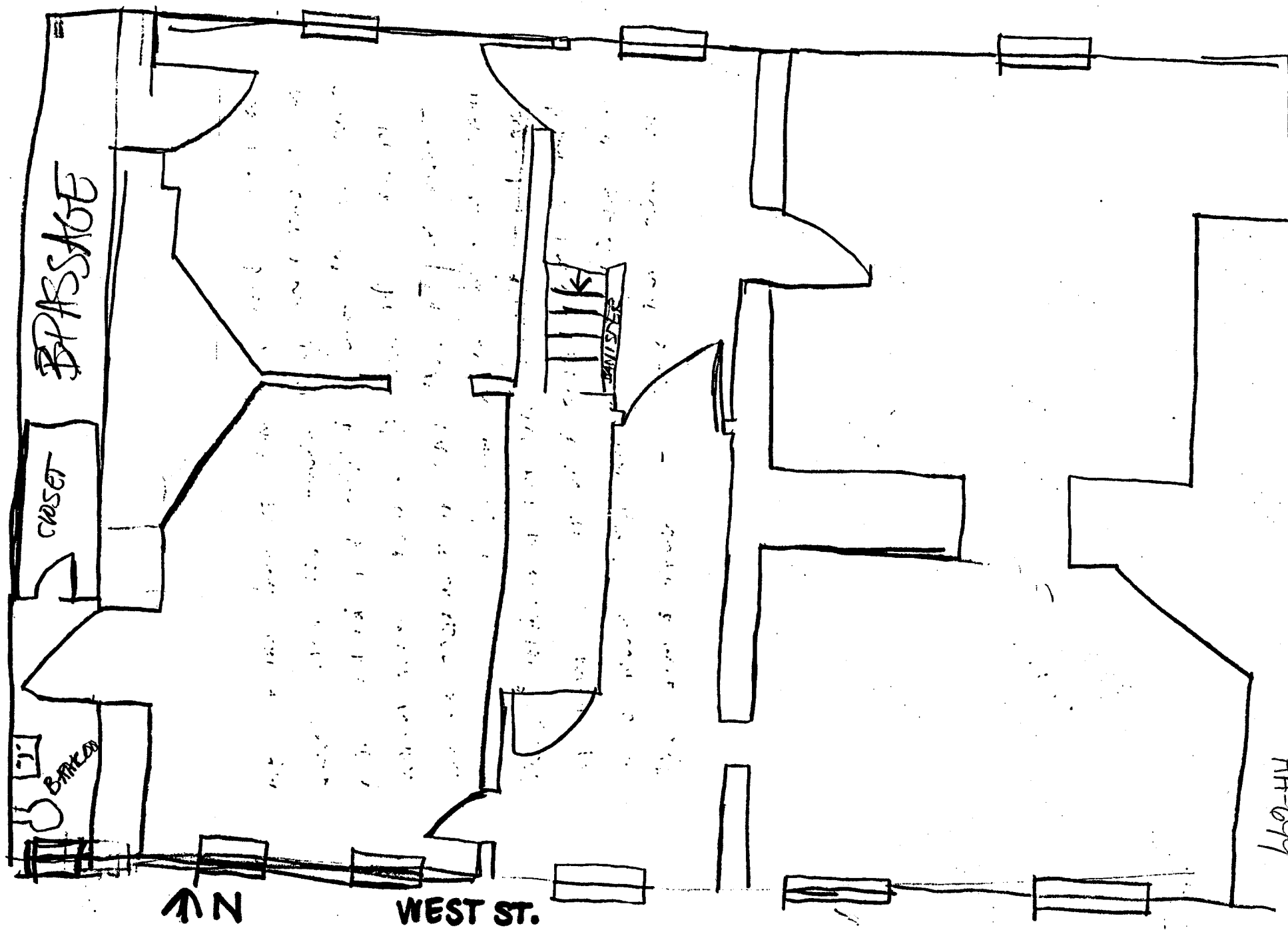


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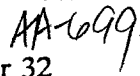
FLOOR PLAN

Address: 2 WEST STREET

Floor: 2ND



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Property Tax Map Number 32  
Maryland Department of Assessments and Taxation  
Revised 1991  
Scale: 1"=200'



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South elevation

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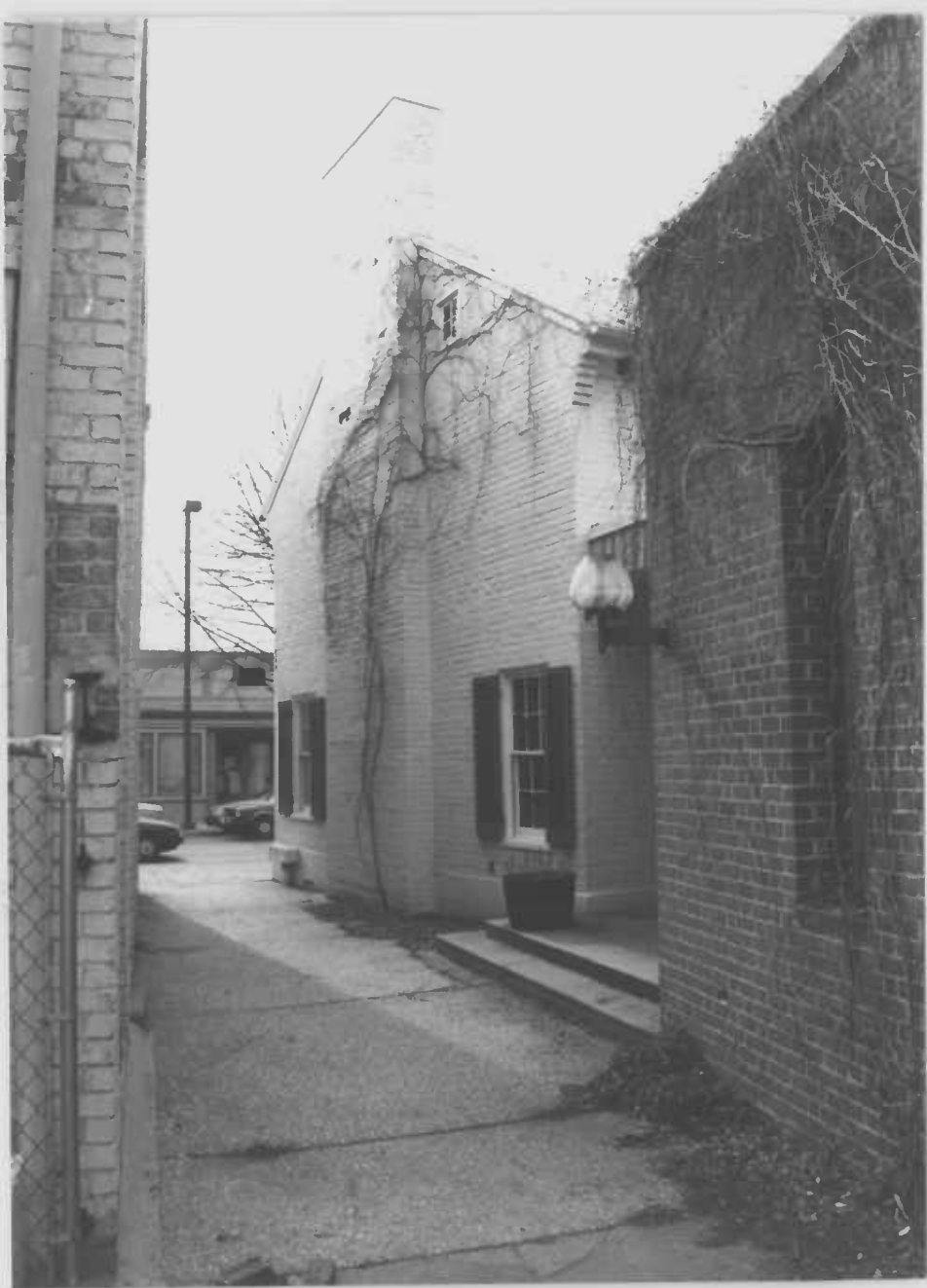
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East elevation

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East elevation

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Detail of dormer, south elevation

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North elevation

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View of Interior

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DETAIL OF STAIRCASE IN FRONT ROOM, WEST ELEVATION

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VIEW OF STAIRCASE PASSAGE BETWEEN  
26 AND 28 WEST STREET

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DETAIL OF BRICK IN BASEMENT

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DIEW OF MODERN ADDITION

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21 STATE CIRCLE  
SHAW HOUSE  
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

HISTORIC SITES SURVEY FIELD SHEET  
Individual Structure Survey Form

SURVEY NUMBER:

AA 699

NEGATIVE FILE NUMBER:

UTM REFERENCES:

Zone/Easting/Northing

U.S.G.S. QUAD. MAP:

PRESENT FORMAL NAME:

ORIGINAL FORMAL NAME:

PRESENT USE: Office

ORIGINAL USE: Tavern/Inn/Residence

ARCHITECT/ENGINEER:

BUILDER/CONTRACTOR:

PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE:

Excellent (x)

Good ( )

Fair ( )

Poor: ( )

THEME:

STYLE: Georgian

DATE BUILT:

Pre 1765

COUNTY: Anne Arundel

TOWN: Annapolis

LOCATION: 26 West

COMMON NAME:

FUNCTIONAL TYPE: RES Map 30 Par 608

OWNER: Capital City Fed Sv & Ln Ass

ADDRESS: 26 West St  
Annapolis, MD 21401

ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:

Yes (x) No ( ) Restricted ( )

LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Local ( ) State (x) National ( )

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

Structural System

1. Foundation: Stone ( ) Brick (x) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
2. Wall Structure
  - A. Wood Frame: Post and Beam ( ) Balloon ( )
  - B. Wood Bearing Masonry: Brick (x) Stone ( ) Concrete ( ) Concrete Block ( )
  - C. Iron ( ) D. Steel ( ) E. Other:
3. Wall Covering: Clapboard ( ) Board and Batten ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Shiplap ( )  
Novelty ( ) Stucco ( ) Sheet Metal ( ) Aluminum ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( )  
Brick Veneer (x) Stone Veneer ( ) Asbestos Shingle ( )  
Bonding Pattern: All Header Other:
4. Roof Structure
  - A. Truss: Wood (x) Iron ( ) Steel ( ) Concrete ( )
  - B. Other:
5. Roof Covering: Slate ( ) Wood Shingle ( ) Asphalt Shingle ( ) Sheet Metal (x)  
Built Up ( ) Rolled ( ) Tile ( ) Other:
6. Engineering Structure:
7. Other:

Appendages: Porches ( ) Towers ( ) Cupolas ( ) Dormers (x) Chimneys (x) Sheds ( ) Ells ( )  
Wings (x) Other:

Roof Style: Gable (x) Hip ( ) Shed ( ) Flat ( ) Mansard ( ) Gambrel ( ) Jerkinhead ( )  
Saw Tooth ( ) With Monitor ( ) With Bellcast ( ) With Parapet ( ) With False Front ( )  
Other:

Number of Stories: 2½

Number of Bays: 5 x 2

Approximate Dimensions: 40 x 23 + Rear Add

Entrance Location: Centered

THREAT TO STRUCTURE:

No Threat (x) Zoning ( ) Roads ( )  
Development ( ) Deterioration ( )  
Alteration ( ) Other:

LOCAL ATTITUDES:

Positive ( ) Negative ( )  
Mixed ( ) Other:

ADDITIONAL ARCHITECTURAL OR STRUCTURAL DESCRIPTION:

Boxed cornice with brick corbel ends; gabled dormers with returns; end chimney; six windows at second floor with 6/6 sash; transom lit entrance at third bay from the right, round arched entrance at extreme left bay, now with fan light and door, probably an open passage to the rear yard; belt course at second floor, rendered stucco watertable. Unpretentious.

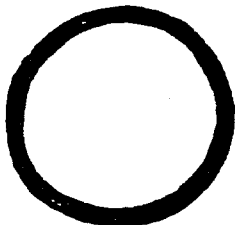
RELATED STRUCTURES: (Describe)

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE:

Excellent example of Georgian townhouse style, recently restored (1965). One of a pair with 30 West St. Housed Ghiselin's Ordinary where Jefferson and Monroe stayed while attending Continental Congress then assembeled in Annapolis.

REFERENCES:

MAP: (Indicate North In Circle)



SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT:

Open Lane( )Woodland( )Scattered Buildings( )  
Moderately Built Up(✓)Densely-Built Up( )  
Residential( )Commercial( )  
Agricultural( )Industrial( )  
Roadside Strip Development( )  
Other:

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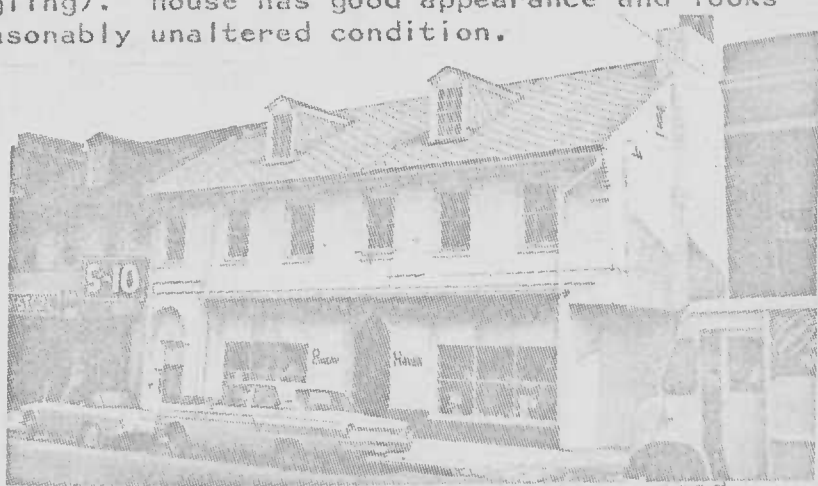

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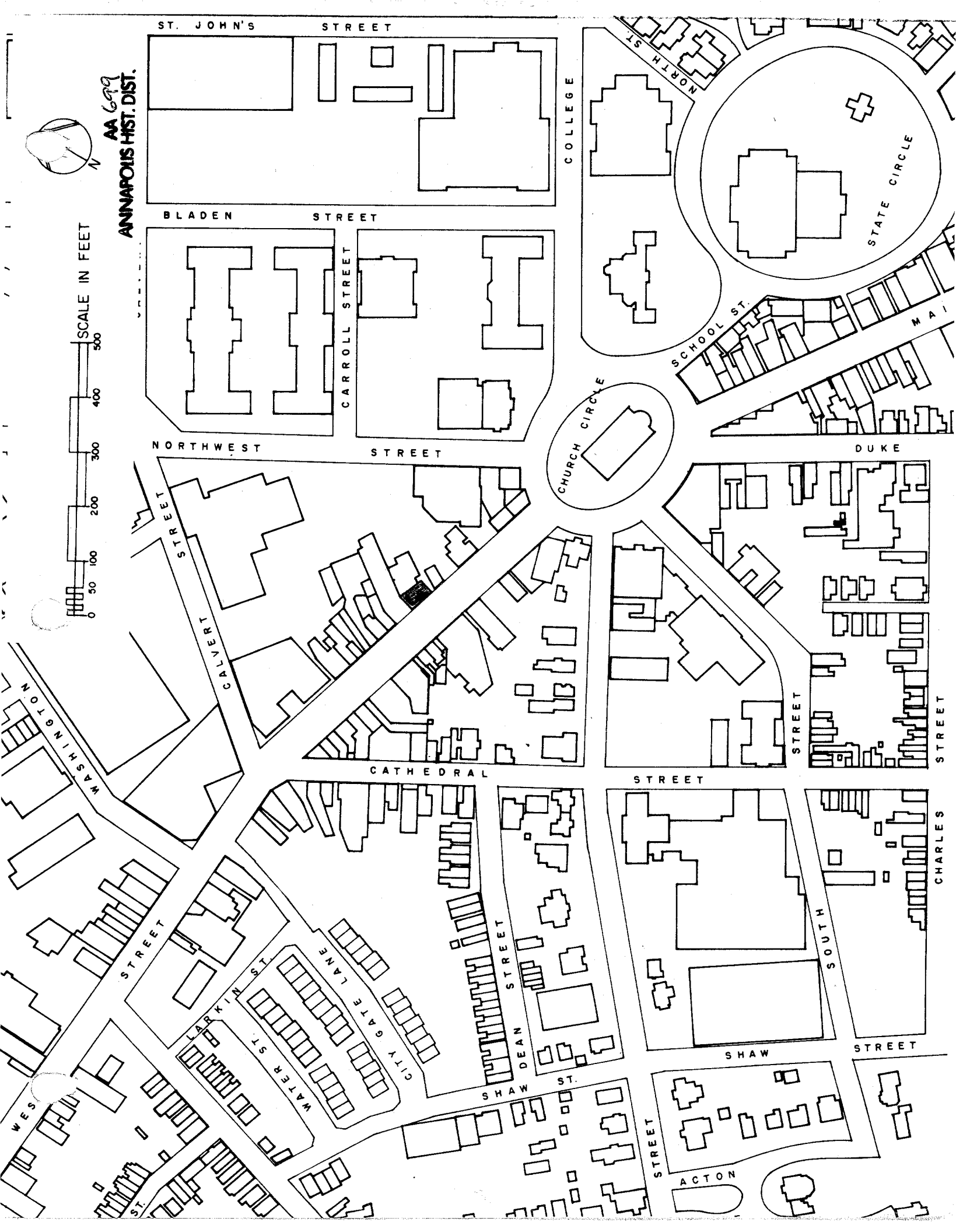
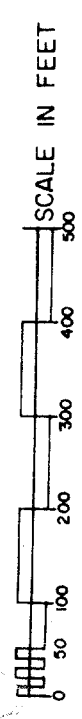
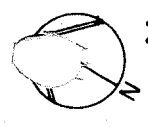
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1. STATE <b>Annapolis, Maryland</b> COUNTY TOWN VICINITY STREET NO. <b>26-28 West Street</b>  ORIGINAL OWNER ORIGINAL USE PRESENT OWNER <b>Polan Brewer</b> PRESENT USE <b>commercial-Bargain Haven</b> WALL CONSTRUCTION <b>brick</b> NO. OF STORIES <b>two plus dormer attic</b>		HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY  2. NAME  DATE OR PERIOD <b>Pre-Revolutionary</b> STYLE <b>Georgian - Colonial</b> ARCHITECT BUILDER  3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE	
4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION  An early and very fine Annapolis colonial house. Very much like its neighbor (30 West Street), it has mixed flemish and all header bond down to first floor - relatively unaltered. Handsome dormers with returns (6/6) as well as end chimney (massive) are original. Sash in upstairs windows may be also original. There are 6 2nd storey windows, however, the building is basically a 5 window composition, the sixth over a fine arched door (No 28 West). 28 may have been a hyphen, however, belt course between 1st and 2nd storeys is uninterrupted and 2 dormers are evenly spaced over the entire roof. (The roof is now covered with asbestos shingling). House has good appearance and looks in fairly good, reasonably unaltered condition.		OPEN TO PUBLIC <b>yes</b>	
5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE  		Endangered Interior Exterior <b>good</b>	
6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional) 		7. PHOTOGRAPH	
8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.  <del>HABS List</del> <b>Historic Annapolis, Inc. Research</b> 1. Ridout Survey, 1957 2. P. Jacobson archival research 3. Historical map, 1960		9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER  <b>William D. Morgan</b> <b>Columbia University</b> <b>New York City</b>  DATE OF RECORD <b>June 21, 1967</b>	



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